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PATENT
Docket No. GC507-2

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box CPA
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/215,095, filed on December 18, 1998, entitled MATRIX GRANULE.

1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior non-provisional application.
2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application:

 - b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. PTO-1449
 - b. Copies of IDS Citations

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C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee (37 CFR 1.16(a))					\$710.00
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	23	-20 =	3	x \$18.00 =	\$ 54.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2	-3 =	0	x \$80.00 =	-0-
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)				+ \$260.00 =	-0-
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$764.00

6. Other: Petition for Extension of Time (one month).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC507-2). A triplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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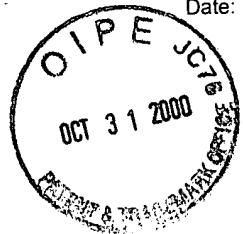
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In re Application of)
Nathaniel T. Becker, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1631
Serial No. 09/215,095) Examiner: Borin, M.
Filed: December 18, 1998)
For: MATRIX GRANULE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to issuing an office action on the merits, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

In the Claims

- Please cancel claims 1 – 65, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 66 – 88.

- B1
SOP*
66. A granule comprising,
a) a seed particle and
b) a protein matrix surrounding the seed particle wherein said matrix includes a protein mixed together with a combination of a sugar or sugar alcohol and a polysaccharide structuring agent.